**Promotion of Coir products**

2581. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN :

SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of AGRO And RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government would reconsider their decision to drop the scheme of giving rebate to the Coir products in view of the severe crisis the coir industry is facing; and

(b) if so, whether Governemnt would like to take a decision in this regard within a month?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA) : (a) No, Sir. A Market Development Assistance scheme in place of the Rebate scheme has already been introduced in the coir sector with effect from 2000-2001.

(b) Deos not arise.

**Agro Based Industries in Tamil Nadu**

2582. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any agro-based industries have been set up in Tamil Nadu, district-wise, during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of employment generated by such industries in the State during the above period, district-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA) : (a) to (c) Industries-wise, District-wise details of unit set up with the assistance of the Khadi and Village Industires Commission is not maintained centrally.